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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants : Merl F. Hoekstra et al.

Application No. : 09/385,918

Filed : August 30, 1999

For : METHODS FOR MODULATING SIGNAL TRANSDUCTION
MEDIATED BY TGF- β AND RELATED PROTEINS



Art Unit No. : 1643

Docket No. : 860098.433

Date : February 23, 2000

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

PETITION FOR AN EXTENSION OF TIME

UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)

Assistant Commissioner for Patents:

Applicant herewith petitions the Assistant Commissioner of Patents under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) for a three-month extension of time for filing the response to the Examiner's Action dated September 28, 1999, from November 28, 1999 to February 28, 2000. Submitted herewith is a check for \$1,710, which includes \$435 to cover the cost of the extension requested herein.

Any deficiency or overpayment should be charged or credited to Deposit Account No. 19-1090. This petition is being submitted in triplicate.

Respectfully submitted,

Merl F. Hoekstra et al.

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